

**Medical Diagnosis.** By Arthur Latham, M. D., F. R. C. P., and James Torrens, M. B., B. S., M. R. C. P., Both of St. George's Hospital, London. Pp. 641; 74 illustrations. New York, Macmillan Company; 1915.

This book of large type and clear, concise sentences represents a well ordered, rather brief attempt to give the student and practitioner the most useful clinical and laboratory details necessary for the purpose of making scientific diagnosis. The essentials in these matters have been brought well up to date and a glance at any one topic gives one the important facts. It is, in short, a skeleton upon which a thorough work could be built, but it must be admitted that the authors have succeeded in carrying out their purpose very nicely so that for those requiring this kind of reference, this work fills the requirements. H. F. A.

**Worry and Nervousness.** By William S. Sadler, M. D. A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, 1914.

This lengthy volume of 535 pages has been written primarily for the layman suffering from "nerves."

The simplicity of its exposition makes it a good "primer" for a physician not especially trained in psychic disturbances, for it gives in great detail a description of the various functional disturbances and their treatment. But this book, in the hands of a nervous layman, is very liable to produce an increase in the number of symptoms by the very means through which the author would prevent them, viz: by suggestion. In place of giving the book to the patient it would be a thousand-fold better to read short pertinent paragraphs to the patient to increase the effect of "positive" suggestion. This has worked more effectively than permitting the patient, already too introspective, to become acquainted with many more possible symptoms. The book has value as a primer of psychotherapy, but should be used only under the supervision of a physician who has some knowledge of abnormal psychology. J. M. W.

**Students' Manual of Gynecology.** By John Osborn Polak, M. Sc., M. D., F. A. C. S., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Long Island College Hospital; Professor of Obstetrics in the Dartmouth Medical School; Gynecologist to the Jewish Hospital; Consulting Gynecologist to the Bushwick, Coney Island, Deaconess' and Williamsburg Hospitals, Brooklyn, and the Peoples Hospital, New York; Fellow American Gynecological Society, etc. 12mo, 414 pages, illustrated with 100 engravings and 9 colored plates. Cloth, \$3 net. Lea & Febiger, Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1915.

In a volume of three hundred and ninety-eight pages the author has well succeeded in presenting most of the essential points of gynecological symptomatology, diagnosis, and treatment. The subject matter is well presented and easily read, and will give any student a good introductory knowledge. C. B. M.

**Obstetrical Nursing.** A Manual for Nurses and Students and Practitioners of Medicine. By Charles Sumner Bacon, Ph.B., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics, University of Illinois and the Chicago Polyclinic; Medical Director, Chicago Lying-In Hospital and Dispensary; Attending Obstetrician, University Chicago Polyclinic, Hernotin, German and Evangelical Deaconess Hospitals. 12mo, 355 pages, illustrated with 123 engravings. Cloth, \$2.00 net. Lea & Febiger, Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1915.

While this little volume is intended as a "Manual for Nurses, Students and Practitioners of Medicine," it will find its greatest usefulness in the hands of the nursing profession. It is simple, well ar-

ranged and well written. The first chapter on the nurse's duties is most excellent and should be read by every nurse that contemplates doing obstetrical nursing. The advice as to dress, exercise, diet, etc., during pregnancy is good. The chapter on the duties of the nurse while the patient is in labor is very thorough as regards cleanliness and asepsis but it does not seem justifiable to allow the nurse to make vaginal examinations. The same information can usually be obtained by rectal examination and the patient is subjected to less danger of infection. The chapters on the Puerperium and the Infant are interesting and instructive. The book as a whole is to be highly recommended and should be well received. H. A. S.

**The Practical Medicine Series.** 1914. Year Book Publishers, Chicago.

**Obstetrics, Vol. VII.** Edited by Joseph B. De Lee & Herbert M. Stowe. Price, \$1.35.

An excellent and well digested review of the year in obstetrics, both of the foreign and American literatures.

**Materia Medica & Therapeutics, Preventive Medicine, Climatology.** Vol. VIII. Edited by Geo. F. Butler, Henry B. Favill, Norman Bridge. Price \$1.50.

This volume is so much condensed that a great deal of important matter has been omitted from each subdivision, thus diminishing the value of the book as a comprehensive guide.

**Nervous & Mental Diseases.** Volume X. Edited by Hugh T. Patrick and Peter Bassoe. Price, \$1.35.

In this number of the Practical Medicine Series most of the American and some of the foreign work in these fields is quite thoroughly abstracted and very satisfactorily presented. G. H. T.

**The Clinics of John B. Murphy, M.D.,** at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. Volume IV, number I (February 1915). Octavo of 185 pages, 41 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1915. Published bi-monthly. Price per year: paper, \$8.00; cloth, \$12.

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